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## PRISONER AT ANDREWS SAYS HE SHOT WOMAN

### Makes Startling Confession To Superintendent Slayton Friday

A sensational confession stirred the Andrews prison camp Friday when Clyde Cummings, serving a nine-months term for attempted extortion, called superintendent T. O. Slayton to his cell and told him he shot and killed Florence Barton, Kansas City society girl, in 1920.

Although Mr. Slayton reported that he had contacted Kansas City police, and that they had requested additional information concerning the confession, he said Wednesday that "there was no further statement at this time".

Cummings, Slayton said, confessed to him that he had shot the girl in Kansas City for \$200 paid him by another man.

#### Believes Confession

"I still think there is something to it" (Continued on page eight, please)

## CROWLEY URGES 300-400 BANKS MERGE OR CLOSE

### Says that Number Should Be Eliminated Annually For 6 or 7 Years

(The future of insured banks finds excellent comment in this accompanying article which was written from a report by Leo T. Crowley, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and printed in a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal, leading financial publication. The story gives an interesting light into this comparatively new phase of banking and finance).

Washington—Between 300 and 400 banks should be eliminated or merged annually for the next six or seven years in order to put the nation's banking system on a sound basis and to insure profitable operations for the remaining 12,000 banks, Leo T. Crowley, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said recently in making public the FDIC's six-months report.

When stockholders in insolvent banks fail to supply the additional capital to restore solvency and fail to take other needed steps, the weak banks should be closed or merged with stronger institutions, Mr. Crowley asserted. The number of insured banks was cut by 89 during the first six months of the year, during which time 21 insured banks failed.

Conferences already have been held with eight or ten state banking commissioners to spot weak insured banks in their state systems, Mr. Crowley announced. Similar surveys will be made in all states, and the FDIC will work out a program of closing or merging banks which are insolvent or which are not earning a profit.

#### Insured Banks Decline

A decline in the number of insured banks has continued since June 30, 1935, when the FDIC reached its peak (Continued on back page)

## TOPICS DISCUSSED AT LIONS MEETING ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Reports by a better roads committee and a group seeking funds for the support of the local cemetery, and the announcement that a local girl had been fitted with glasses were among topics discussed at a meeting of the Murphy Lions club in the dining room of the Methodist church Tuesday night.

W. M. Fain was presented with a master membership key plaque for outstanding work to the international organization.

T. W. Kindley, local Coca Cola distributor was welcomed into the club as its newest member. James B. Ward and Billy Fisher were guests at the meeting.

## Missing Boy Is Not Reported Found Yet

W. J. Mintz, of the Grandview section of Cherokee county, Wednesday had not reported finding his son, 15-year-old Freddie Mintz, who has been missing since July 22.

The lad was last seen when he left the home of his grand-father, A. J. Hass, on Tellico, to cross six miles of wild mountain region to his home.

Fearing Freddie may have met with foul play as he was accustomed to the mountains, Mr. Mintz has made a wide appeal to officers and citizens to help him find his son.

Anyone knowing of the boy's whereabouts are asked to contact Mr. Mintz.

## EIGHT COUNTY SCHOOL BUSES ARE ACQUIRED

### Expect New District To Be Created at Hiwassee Dam Village

The purchase of eight busses by the Cherokee county school system and the establishment of another school district in the county to provide teaching facilities for grade children at the Hiwassee Dam village appeared a certainty here Tuesday night.

A. L. Martin, county superintendent of schools, said that neither one of the projects had been officially confirmed as yet, but that there was little doubt that both moves would be affected.

Mr. Martin returned from Raleigh Saturday where he appeared before the state school commission in behalf of the bus proposition, and O. J. Holler, North Carolina state school commissioner from the eleventh congressional district, was here investigating the establishment of the new grade school unit.

Mr. Martin was accompanied on his trip to the state capitol by T. T. Lindsey, of the TVA training section here, who also showed Mr. Holler work going on at the dam Tuesday.

#### Will Run 8 Buses

Upon contract the county will purchase five school buses, the state system will supplement the number by three and provide all expenses of operation and equipment, Mr. Martin explained.

The county superintendent, who has long been one of the most ardent admirers of a state-owned bus program locally, believes that this is one of the most important changes to have ever taken place in the county school system.

"The state board", he stated, "has" (Continued on page eight, please)

## "Applesauce" Will Be Repeated In Andrews

The play, "Applesauce", given by the Murphy Community players in the Strand Theater here recently will be repeated in the Andrews high school auditorium Friday night.

It will be sponsored by the Andrews chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The cast which includes Miss Mary Frances Bell, Aline Richardson, Catherine Coleman and Messrs Jack Barton Akin, John Parran, Porter Raper, and Kenneth Hayes, is under the direction of Kenneth C. Bartlett.

Miss Bell will take the place of Miss Winifred Townson in the leading role as Miss Townson will leave for a summer vacation before the performance will be given.

## Witt Opens Realty Office In Murphy

The Murphy Realty Co. has been opened up in the former cafe building adjoining the Regal hotel in Murphy by Walter C. Witt, of Peachtree.

Mr. Witt will handle real estate and insurance business. He has been in the life insurance business for some time, but is adding the realty business as a new line.

## DRIVE STARTED TO RAISE FUND FOR CANNERY

### Sale of \$2500 Stock Is Begun Here This Week To Keep Business

Cherokee county was in the midst of a drive this week to obtain a \$2500 in stock to maintain the Mountain Valley Association Cooperative cannery here.

This unit has operated here under its present basis for the past three years. Officials state that this is the most progressive year in its history.

The sale of the preferred and common stock began here this week under the supervision of a committee of the Murphy Lions club and cannery members consisting of: Chairman W. M. Fain, J. B. Gray, Frank Gheringbelli, E. R. Thompson, G. W. Ellis, Park W. Fisher, Peyton G. Ivie, Tom Case, A. Q. Ketter, R. B. Wooten and H. G. Elkins.

Mr. Fain, who is also chairman of the board of directors of the cannery and Mr. Thompson the manager, at a Lions club meeting Tuesday night made strong appeals for retaining the cannery here. Both quoted figures to show that the cannery was proving an economical boon here.

"If the town is interested in raising a little more money we are assured of strong financial backing", Mr. Fain said, "If not we will probably lose it."

They explained the purpose of the cannery as a ready market for farm products and added that the cooperative plan such as is followed here (Continued on page eight, please)

## CRIMINAL COURT DRAWS CROWDS HERE THIS WEEK

One of the busiest sessions of Superior court to ever be conducted in Cherokee county was underway this week with Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, on the bench.

Although there were a large number of cases on the criminal docket, most of them concerned charges of only slight importance. Very few cases are on the civil docket.

Unusually large crowds have been attending all sessions of court however.

## Publisher Buys Plant, Paper at Dalton, Ga.

Mr. L. A. Lee, publisher of the Cherokee Scout and several other Western North Carolina papers, will leave Murphy this week to assume his duties as the new owner of the Dalton Printing company and the Dalton News, at Dalton, Ga.

Mr. Lee announces that he will spend part of the time in Murphy and part of the time in Dalton.

## MURPHY TO MEET COPPERHILL SUN. ON LOCAL FIELD

The strong Murphy team will play a return engagement of the game that was rained out last Sunday with the Copperheads this coming Sunday on the local diamond at 2:30 o'clock.

Copperhill has a much improved team from the team of old, and they will give the locals a strong run for their money Sunday. With such dangerous batters as Swafford and McAlley, for the Copperheads and Barton and Hensley for the locals, a good game should prevail.

Jerry Davidson, who will probably pitch for the locals, looked very good on the mound last Sunday against Copperhill, striking out five men in three innings, three men being in one inning.

Jack Blagg, manager of the locals promises a good game, with two good teams of somewhat equal strength fighting for an opening, and he predicts that the locals stand a good chance to coop this game from the lads from Copperhill.

## School Will Begin Last Monday In August; Faculty Completed As New Members Are Selected

### Road Wash-Out At Balsam Is Reported

It was reported here Wednesday morning that a water-spout at Balsam had blocked all railway and highway traffic into Cherokee county from Asheville.

According to the reports it was expected that the highway would be opened Wednesday evening while train schedules were not expected to be resumed for several days due to the wash-out of a bridge.

The accident caused a postponement of a proposed meeting between state highway and TVA highway officials here on Wednesday morning, as J. C. Walker, divisional engineer, and other road officials were forced to attend to work there.

## LANDESS TALK IS POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY

### TVA Agricultural Expert Will Speak in Murphy Court House 7:30

An address scheduled to have been given in the Cherokee county court house in Murphy Tuesday night by William McKenzie Landess, of the TVA agricultural division, has been postponed until next Monday night, T. T. Lindsey, head of the TVA training section here, announced Tuesday.

Mr. Landess' topic will be, "The Man and the Land". The talk will begin at 7:30 o'clock Central Standard time.

The agricultural expert's talk will be the last in a series of three to be given here this season by TVA officials on different phases of the Authority's activities. Chairman of the board of directors Arthur E. Morgan was the first to give a talk here on "The Aims and the Purposes of the TVA," and his speech was followed by one by Dr. E. L. Bishop, of the health and safety division of the TVA.

Mr. Landess has visited Cherokee county on several occasions and has addressed groups here informally on occasions.

His talk will primarily deal with new and improved methods of cultivation and conservation as revealed by recent TVA surveys and research. Experiments have not only been conducted in Knoxville but throughout the Tennessee Valley region under a program of demonstration farming with which county agent's in this territory are cooperating.

The TVA's method of producing fertilizer will probably be discussed. Another important feature of the TVA agricultural program is crop diversification and rotation.

A large crowd from surrounding counties are expected.

## DISTRICT MASONIC MEET TO BE HELD AT MARBLE AUG. 18

A meeting of the Masons of the 43rd district will be held at the Marble Springs lodge hall at Marble 10 miles east of here on the Andrews highway Wednesday night, Aug. 13, according to an announcement Tuesday.

An afternoon meeting will begin at 3:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) at which time the officers of all lodges will attend. The night meeting will bring all Masons in the district together.

John H. Anderson, grand secretary, and Watson N. Sherrod, grand master of the grand lodge of North Carolina, will be present.

## Julian Pitzer, Star Athlete at L.M.U., to be New Athletic Coach

### FACULTY COMPLETE

## Free Text Books Will Be Furnished Pupils in Elementary Grades

The complete faculty for the Murphy School Unit was announced late yesterday afternoon by H. Bueck, superintendent of this unit. The official opening date for school was given as August 30, with the first teachers meeting to be held on Friday afternoon, Aug. 27, at 3 o'clock, and the first group meeting to be held on the following day.

The resignation of two teachers that were previously elected was made known yesterday. Miss Martha Mayfield, who has been a member of the elementary school faculty for a number of years, resigned to accept a position as critic teacher in the Training School at Western Carolina Teachers College. Miss Bruce Speight, teacher of French in the High School last year, was released from her contract this week to accept the place on the Andrews faculty made vacant by the resignation of Miss Bryan.

#### New Athletic Coach

Julian Pitzer, of Goldsboro, will be the athletic coach in the local high school this year, Mr. Bueck announced yesterday. Mr. Pitzer succeeds Ollie Wade Deaton, who has been a member of the faculty and sports coach for the past five years. Besides acting as coach of the major sports, Mr. Pitzer will teach Mathematics and English.

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## Two Boys Scalded At Local Cannery

Two boys working at the Murphy cannery were scalded Wednesday morning when a bolt on a retort broke and allowed some of the steam to escape.

The two injured were Lewis Shields and Frank Martin.

Dr. J. N. Hill, who treated the boys said that he could not determine immediately how bad the boys were burned but that he did not think their scalds were serious.

## Propose Bank Consolidation In This Section

A news article appearing in Wednesday morning papers relative to a proposal entertained to consolidate a number of banks in Western North Carolina is believed to have given the mistaken impression in some instances that a new bank will be created.

The proposal merely means that there has been a discussion among banking officials to consolidate a number of banks in this extreme end of the state in order to more fully and ably serve every community in this section where the change would take effect.

The proposed merger, in its present stage, would see the consolidation of the Citizens Bank and Trust company of Andrews and Murphy, the Bryson City bank of Bryson City, the Bank of Franklin at Franklin and the Jackson County bank at Sylva.

Under this set-up there would be no obvious change in the location or personnel of the banks but they would be called the Smoky Mountain bank.

Percy B. Ferebee, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, was contacted Wednesday afternoon but said he had no statement to make in regard to the proposal.

An article on the consolidation of banks and the subsequent extension of their resources, capital and surplus will be found elsewhere on the front page of this issue of the Scout.